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Tuesday, April 28, 1959

A MAAG C-47 was going to Paris, and E. Al Wells and I took off in it from Wahn at 10 a.m., with the skillful Colonel Hoffman as pilot. There were headwinds, so, instead of meeting Secretary Herter at Orley at noon, as instructed, we arrived a half hour late.

We are staying at the Crillon, and out of one window can see the snowcaps of the chestnuts on Avenue Gabriel.

Spent the afternoon at the Embassy; ~~we~~ we dined tonight at the Houghtons, the most imposed upon and most amiable host and hostess in the world. Most of our delegation members were there, as well as the Lyons and others from the Embassy. Amory made a charming speech about Mac and Chris Herter - Chris was born in Paris.

After dinner, the men talked about preparations for the Geneva Conference. I held forth rather lustily on the folly of displaying any weakness in the hope of mollifying the Soviets, addressing myself particularly to the attitude I thought we should take if they turned over the Berlin control points to the GDR.

The weather was beautiful today - warm enough to dispense with an overcoat.

Wednesday, April 29, 1959

Raining this morning. Our delegation met at 8:30 in the Wallace Library under Herter's chairmanship. At 9:15, Chris, Martin

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Hillenbrand and I communed with von Brentano and his interpreter. Things went well.

Jock Whitney and I went over to the Quai d'Orsay and joined the others at 10:30. Selwyn Lloyd, von Brentano, Couve de Murville and Chris headed the national groups.

In spite of newspaper reports depicting great differences of views between the partners, there was a large measure of agreement. All were agreed on certain points:

1. There will be no accord with the Soviets on European security arrangements without simultaneous arrangements on steps to reunify Germany.
2. There will be no discrimination against Germany, except that springing from FedRep's old unilateral undertaking not to manufacture atomic, bacteriological or chemical weapons (the ABC).
3. Western powers will stand firm on Berlin.

There was much discussion of tactics. We recessed from 1:15 to 2:30 for lunch. Houghton had the Secretary, Jock, Randy Burgess, Livie, Freddie Reinhardt, Martin Hillenbrand, Selwyn Lloyd, Gladwyn Jebb, Kit Steel, Frank Roberts, Anthony Rumbold, Pat Hancock and myself as guests at 2 Avenue d'Iéna.

The afternoon session proceeded harmoniously, and it looks as if the deliberations might finish tomorrow night. My chief preoccupation,

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concern over the fall-back position on Berlin proposals has been shelved, at least until Geneva. It was decided not to give any briefing whatever to the press on today's discussions. Journalists were in the entrance hall by dozens, and photographers by scores.

Tonight I went to a huge stag dinner given by Couve at the Quai. From our delegation, Messrs. Herter, Houghton, Whitney, Merchant, Berding, Reinhardt, Irwin, Hillenbrand and Bruce were invited. I sat between Freddie Reinhardt and Ambassador Duckwitz. There were no speeches to interfere with our attention to the excellent food, wine, and conversation.

Thursday, April 30, 1959

Raining. To Embassy, then to the Quai for a 10:30 reunion. Chris walks with the help of aluminum crutches. He is comfortable sitting or lying down, sleeps well, but standing for long periods without support is painful. He has been excellent in our meetings, courteous, intelligent, constructive, and has made a very favorable impression on his colleagues.

All outstanding differences were amiably settled this morning, and a communiqué issued before one o'clock. Couve pronounced the conference one of the most successful and expeditious he ever attended.

Jock and I lunched at the Travellers. Afterwards, at the

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